

PM asserts: 'We are the true peace movement'

NUCLEAR DEBATE

The Conservatives were the true peace movement, Mrs Margaret Thatcher... The Prime Minister declared in the Commons during questions about Labour's defence policy...



Maxwell-Hyslop: Policies have kept the peace

Leading the peace movement are to have been responsible for carrying out policies which have preserved peace... By those credentials, he and the five preceding prime ministers...

Too many involved for visits to graves

WAR WIDOWS

There were just too many people involved to make it a feasible proposition for all war widows to visit their husbands' graves overseas at public expense, Lord Glenarthur... The Government was accused by Lady Jeger (Lab) of being 'totally insensitive'...

State cash for research project

TECHNOLOGY

Work carried out in academic institutions will be funded 100 per cent by government... The directorate will report to a small supervising board of industrialists... Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry...

Labour loves spending other people's money

RATING SYSTEM

Labour-controlled local authorities were very big spenders of other people's money, Mrs Thatcher... The Prime Minister said during noisy exchanges with Mr Michael Foot...

War hero's widow being helped

SALE OF VC

The Government had an excellent record on war widows, and the excellence of that record would continue in future, Mrs Margaret Thatcher... The Prime Minister said during Commons questions about the sale by Mrs Muriel Nicolson...

Projections for growth unchanged

THE ECONOMY

There was encouraging confirmation that the economy was recovering, but this had not led the Government to revise its projections for growth... Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury...

Jenkin: £350m project over five years

A new, small, directorate will be established in the Department of Industry to coordinate the programme... Mr John Garrett, an Opposition spokesman on Industry (Northwich, South, Lab) in general we welcome this statement...

British key fitted US missile

DEFENCE

A serious incident involving Thor missiles in 1962 had only recently come to light, Dr David Owen... Mr Owen said that the discovery of a serious incident involving Thor missiles in 1962...

Next week

The main business in the Commons next week will be: Tuesday: Wednesday: Progress on the remaining stages of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill...

Right to buy clause not to be reinserted

HOUSING BILL

The Government does not intend to reinsert the clause in the Housing and Building Control Bill which would have extended right to buy provisions to properties occupied by tenants of charitable housing associations...

Family doctor service review

The administration of the family practitioner services in England and Wales is to be reviewed, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, announced in a written answer...

Motor cycle ace never took test

From Our Correspondent Derby

Roo Haslam, aged 26, the motor cycle racing star, was fined £130 by magistrates in Ilkerton, Derbyshire, yesterday... He admitted the offences, also had his licence endorsed, had six penalty points awarded against him...



Court lesson: Ron Haslam, the motor cycle champion after being fined yesterday.

Police accept checks on computer records

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

The Merseyside police have accepted a stringent set of data protection safeguards, to win the support of its Labour-controlled county police committee... The Merseyside police have accepted a stringent set of data protection safeguards...

The back-room workers

Activists prepare for battle

Mrs Wendy Talley is the tolerant empress of the semi-detached house in Broomfield Road, Chelmsford... Mrs Talley, aged 36, whose husband is a Liberal councillor, is paid as a part-time constituency agent, but she works all the time...



LOCAL ELECTIONS

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"Ergonomically the 760 GLE is excellent." *AUTOCAR*

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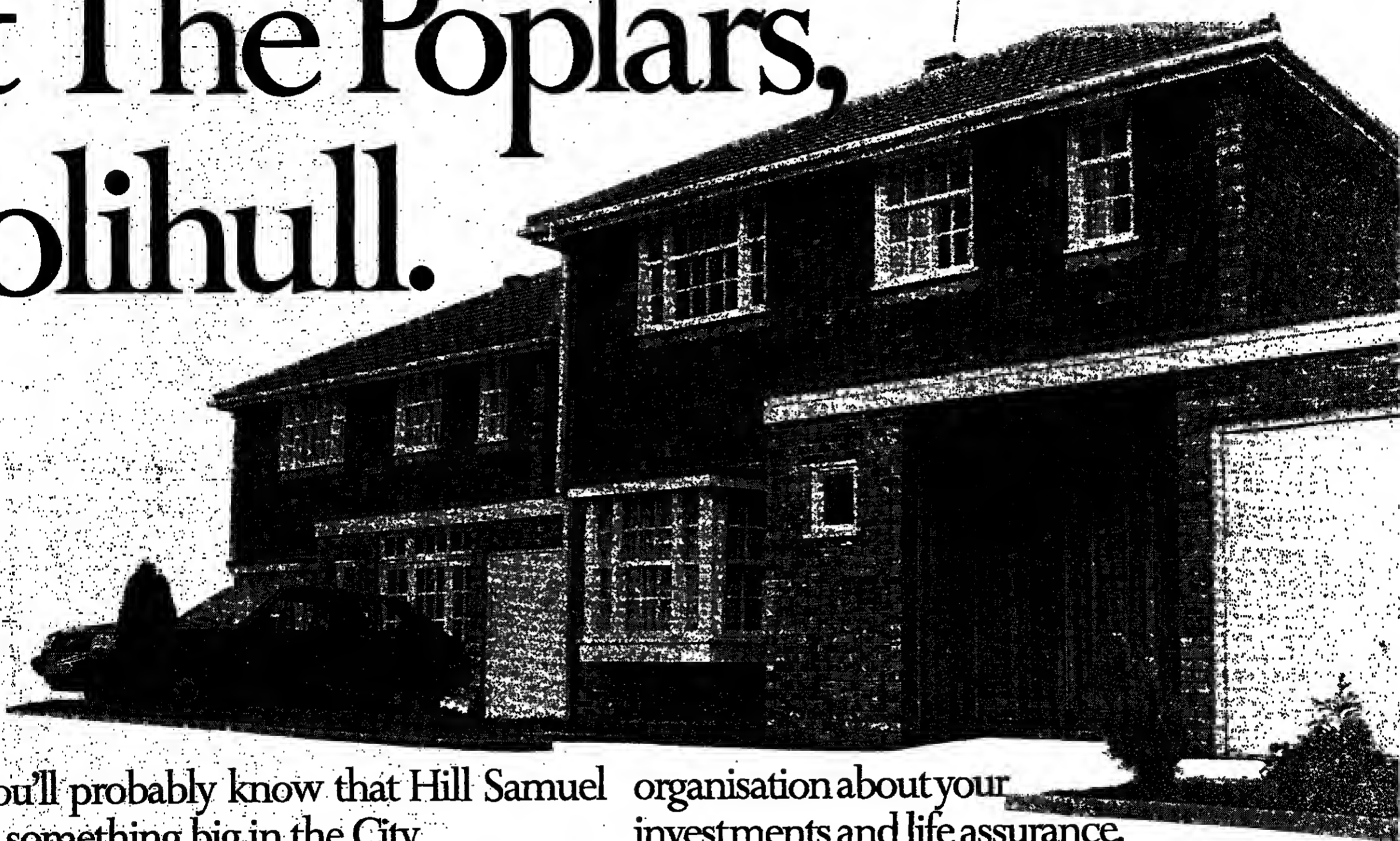
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Spanish coup officers have prison terms upheld or heavily increased

From Our Own Correspondent Madrid

The Spanish Supreme Court yesterday upheld the maximum sentences of 30 years imprisonment on two senior Army officers for their role in the attempted coup of February, 1981, and raised the sentence of a third officer, General Alfonso Armada, from six to the maximum 30 years.

The authorities had appealed to the Supreme Court against sentences handed down last June by a military court martial on 33 people involved in the plot.

The Supreme Court increased the sentences in 21 of the 33 cases brought before it, only one of which concerned a civilian. It also quashed the acquittals of all eight parliamentary civil guard lieutenants who helped to storm Parliament, dismissing the military judges' findings of due obedience to superior orders as contrary to military regulations.

Senior Juan Garcia, the only civilian was found guilty of conspiring in a military rebellion and had his two-year sentence confirmed.

Five more senior officers, headed by General Luis Torres, had the court martial findings changed from conspiracy to active participation in military rebellion. General Torres was given 12 years instead of six, and Colonel Jose San Martin received 10 years instead of three.

Seven of the eight Civil Guard lieutenants received one year prison sentences. The



Above: Generals Armada (left) and del Bosch, 30 years each. Below: Colonel Tejero (left), 30 years, and General Torres Rojas, 12 years.



Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Tejero, who led the civil guards in storming Parliament, whose 30-year sentence were confirmed yesterday.

General Milans, aged 68 and head of a military family over generations with great prestige in extreme right-wing military and civilian circles, General Armada, aged 63, and Colonel Tejero will be dismissed the service. Like all those found guilty, they will do their prison terms in military establishments.

The trial itself could not under the law be held before the civilian courts in the initial stages, and the officers cannot be sent to civilian jails because the code of military justice has not yet been reformed by Parliament.

The findings, coming just over two years and two months after Parliament and the full Cabinet were held hostage for 18 hours, were pronounced by Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, as "extraordinarily clear and absolutely respectable". He said the court's message was that no one could rebel against the constitutional order with impunity.

Certainly the findings underlined the leniency of the military tribunal last June and amply justified the appeal filed immediately afterwards by the Centre Democrat Government of the day.

However, they were described as "very hard" by Lieutenant-General Nanaul Esquivias, president of the Supreme Council of Military

Justice, the body which formed last year's court martial. Though promising to accept the findings, General Esquivias said the civilian court appeared to have applied maximum sentences "where we awarded the minimum ones". The military council is to review the findings next week.

The Supreme Court left open an appeal to the Government to commute the maximum sentences, as the council of military justice recommended last year.

Its 240-page finding, which was broadcast live by Spanish radio, rejected the procedural complaints of the defence. The plotters' use of terrorism and the doctrine of acting out of necessity, could not justify attacking Parliament or the constitutional set-up, the judges said.

The Supreme Court gave a five-day period to those found guilty to file clemency petitions to the Government. No decision has yet been taken by the military authorities where to send those found guilty, but some castles in the military's charge have been recently refurbished.

The Civil Guard officers, however, have already served their prison terms awaiting trial. Defence counsel said that they are to appeal to Spain's constitutional court which, while not an appeal court against yesterday's findings, does have jurisdiction if a citizen's fundamental rights are deemed infringed.



Twin's gift of a baby

Magali Cruzel (left), aged 31, smiling at her twin sister, Christine, in Montpellier last November, as they awaited the birth of Magali's child. On Wednesday in Nimes, Magali, who is sterile, had a son produced by Christine, who had been artificially inseminated by Magali's husband, Diana Geddes writes.

Magali, who suffered many of the pains and cravings of her sister during the pregnancy, was present throughout the birth of Stephanie. She said she had no problems feeling that he was her own child.

As the twins were produced from a single egg and have identical genes, Stephanie will have the same genetic make-up as if he had been produced by Magali.

Insults and punches traded at Botha rally

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

Punches and insults were traded at a rally addressed by Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, in Pretoria on Wednesday night, reflecting the increasing bitterness of the political campaigning in the run-up to four crucial by-elections in the Transvaal on May 10.

Tension at the rally - attended by about 1,500 people - mounted as Mr Botha was repeatedly heckled by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), or Afrikaner Resistance Movement, an ultra-racist and undisguisedly fascist organisation with a swastika-like emblem and black shirt youth wings.

Supporters of Mr Botha's ruling National Party pulled one heckler roughly to the ground as he tried to question the Prime Minister.

Mr Botha called one of his tormentors and orange-uan and referred to others as "white barbarians". He said he would ask Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, to conduct an immediate investigation into the AWB, adding: "We cannot allow these people to spread disorder".

The meeting was held in the well-to-do Waterkloof suburb of Pretoria where, the main challenge to the Government on May 10 will come from the liberal and staunchly anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party.

The four by-elections, three of them to parliamentary seats and one in a Provincial Council seat, are seen as a crucial test of right-wing opposition to the Government's modest constitutional reforms, which would give a strictly qualified franchise to the mixed-blood Coloured and Indian minorities.

Mr Botha has announced that the Draft Constitution Amendment Bill will be presented to Parliament early next week.

It was originally supposed to have been presented before the Easter Recess, and the delay led to charges that the Government was afraid to disclose details before the by-elections.

After the meeting Mr Botha called on the breakaway Conservative Party to tell South Africa that it had severed all links with the AWB.

The AWB, founded in the early 1970s, has links with the pro-Nazi organization which opposed South Africa's entry into the Second World War, and to which Mr Botha himself belonged for a time.

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Greece fails to check rising tide of strikes

From Mario Medina Athens

The Greek Government's resourceful efforts to check the rising tide of Labour unrest have apparently yielded no results, despite the invocation of external threats to the nation, methodical attempts to divide the strikers, and even a veiled warning that they would be mobilized and forced back to work.

The crews of 1,700 Athens public buses are staging wildcat strikes during peak traffic hours, demanding higher pay. They have been joined by the capital's 15,000 taxi drivers, who are unhappy about taxes. Tourist coaches were brought in to relieve the ensuring chaos, but confusion grew as the state television broadcast misleading reports that the bus strike was over.

Private school teachers have been on strike for three weeks pressing for greater job protection, while hospital doctors began a two-day stoppage yesterday because the Government is holding up a new health Bill which grants them higher salaries.

The Government has reacted against this unrest with a sledgehammer, probably because these are sensitive areas where strikes provoke anti-government feelings. The inner Cabinet met and decided to mobilize bus crews, after first giving them a chance to recant.

The ruling Pasok party's executive under Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, put out a stern statement. Just as the government of change is fighting the battle for national independence and the protection of Hellenism, one is astounded by this sudden eruption of strikes.

A few hours later, as the Government released telegrams from trade unions promising to stage no strikes while national independence was at stake, a big diplomatic row erupted with the United States about the future of the American bases in Greece and American military aid to Greece and Turkey.

More and more Greeks now suspect that the US-Greek crisis was artificial, the more so since the Government openly encouraged a huge anti-American rally in central Athens last night organized by the government-controlled General Confederation of Greek workers.

At the root of the current uneasiness is the wage freeze for 1983 which the Government seems determined to enforce.

Soares weighs chances of forming coalition

From Susan MacDonald, Lisbon

President Eanes of Portugal yesterday had his first meeting with Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader, after his qualified victory in Monday's general election.

Dr Soares said afterwards that he had expressed concern over the country's economic situation and the need for a national consensus to resolve the crisis.

As the election results did not give the Socialist Party an overall majority and Dr Soares has stated that he will not form a minority government, he has taken a first step of sending out about 60,000 circulars asking his party members whether they prefer a coalition with the right-wing Christian Democrats, the centre Social Democrats or the Moscow-orientated Communist Party.

Answers must arrive at party headquarters by next Thursday

Sakharov may take Vienna job

Moscow (Reuters) - Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet nuclear physicist, may have changed his mind about not emigrating to the West and may take up a university post offered to him in Vienna, diplomatic sources in Moscow said yesterday.

They said that the attitude of the Soviet authorities was not yet known but there had been indications in the past that he would be granted an exit visa if he asked of one.

The sources were commenting on a report at Vienna University had offered the Nobel Prize laureate a visiting professorship.

Professor Peter Weinzierl, the head of the university's Institute for Experimental Physics, was quoted as saying that he believed there was a great possibility that the Soviet authorities would allow Mr Sakharov to leave.

One diplomat here said: "In the past there never appeared to be any problems about visas. It was simply that Sakharov did not want to go. There is strong evidence he may have changed his mind."

Dr Sakharov was sent into internal exile in the city of Gorky in January, 1980.

Since then his wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, has travelled regularly to Moscow and reported that her husband was finding it difficult to continue his work as a physicist because he was cut off from information

Mafia stops Mass by archbishop

From Peter Nichols Rome

Cardinal Pappalardo, Archbishop of Palermo, was prevented by the Mafia from saying Mass in the city's prison, it was learnt in Rome yesterday.

The Cardinal is an outspoken opponent of the Mafia and is credited with much of the responsibility for the Pope's strong condemnation during the Papal visit to Sicily last autumn.

On Saturday the Cardinal went to say Mass at Ucciardone prison, notoriously controlled by members of the Mafia held there. Even ministerial officials admit that this is the reason why it is one of the quietest of Italy's prisons, even though it is in a city suffering from increasing crime.

The Mafia's word within the prison is law, even if the law itself has difficulty being heard.

On Saturday all the prisoners refused to go to Mass, no doubt under pressure from the Mafia elements. So the Cardinal had to leave, very sorrowfully, according to close associates.

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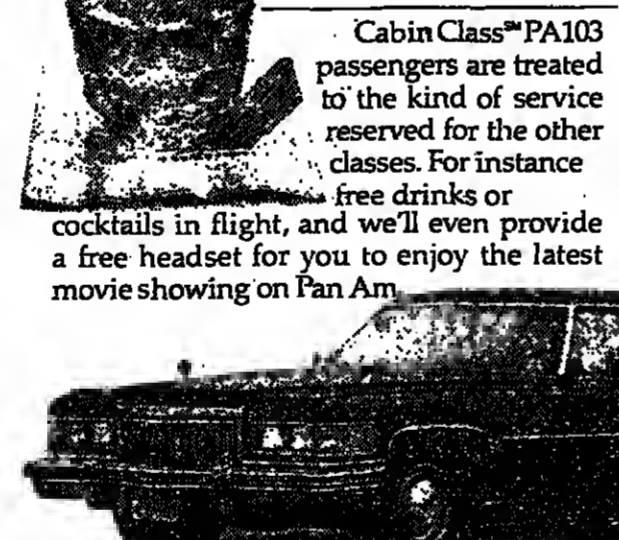
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Muldoon uses royal tour for own ends

From James Oram, Auckland

Mr Robert Muldoon, the New Zealand Prime Minister, was yesterday again using the royal tour as an exercise in gathering support for his ailing National Party.

He has been doing it since the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in New Zealand nearly two weeks ago. Muldoon's actions have caused annoyance and embarrassment to royal officials.

Day after day the squat figure of Mr Muldoon had been in the wake of the Prince and Princess, being seen prominently at functions no other national leader would dream of attending.

Mr Muldoon prefers royal walkabouts. He shakes hands with the crowd waiting to see the royal couple, chats, cracks jokes in the manner of a local MP visiting a village fête.

In Christchurch, yesterday, icy rain did not deter the Prime Minister from continuing with what many observers have called blatant politicking. Nor did Mr Muldoon mind using the occasion to give a couple of radio interviews.

is an embarrassment. "He turns up everywhere like a bad penny", one official said. "It is really incredible. In no other country do you get this. A prime minister is only seen on state occasions and certainly not on walkabouts. They are for the royal visitors and the public - not for politicians."

The reason for Mr Muldoon's search for every possible vote is the slipping popularity of his government and the fact that next year is election year. In a public opinion poll released yesterday Mr Muldoon's National Party received 31.3 per cent support.

The Labour Party, under its new leader Mr David Lange, was close about its support, which stood at 52.4 per cent. The small Social Credit Party received 8.3 per cent.

Mr Muldoon's personal popularity has slipped from 38.9 per cent in a February poll to 34.8 per cent yesterday. Mr Lange scored 30.3 per cent.

CHRISTCHURCH: Yesterday the Prince and Princess of Wales walked about in the rain yet again, in the heart of Christchurch, before going on to the Air Force base at Wigram to watch a flying display. Grania Forbes of the Press Association reports. Prince Charles wore his uniform of Air Commodore in Chief of the New Zealand Air Force.



Mini-hijack fails: Gene Kartz, of White Plains, New York, is searched on the ground by a policeman at Albany airport after trying to hijack the diminutive commuter aircraft to Portland, Maine.

Police called in as 29th heart drug baby dies

From John Best, Ottawa

Toronto police are investigating the death of a baby whose body has been found to contain excessive levels of the powerful heart drug Digoxin.

The death on Saturday of seven-month-old Gary Murphy, of Kitchener, Ontario, is the latest of 29 infant deaths at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children linked to possible overdoses of the drug.

Only the day before Mr Roy McMurtry, the Ontario Attorney-General, announced a public inquiry into the deaths of the other 28 babies, which occurred between July, 1980, and March, 1981. All the deaths have occurred in the hospital's cardiac ward.

At least seven are believed to have been caused by deliberate overdoses of Digoxin.

Nurse Susan Nelles, was discharged on four charges of first-degree murder after a preliminary hearing last May.

The judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence to send the case to trial.

But he said there was no doubt that at least some of the infants had been murdered. Miss Nelles has been on paid leave from the hospital since being discharged.

The most recent deaths occurred despite a new drug distribution system at the hospital which allows only single doses of drugs such as Digoxin to be administered.

A coroner decided to call in the police after a post-mortem examination revealed high levels of Digoxin.

Miss Nelles has been on paid leave from the hospital since being discharged.

15,000 fight fires ravaging Japan

Tokyo (Reuters) - nearly 15,000 firemen, troops and police using helicopters yesterday fought forest fires in northern Japan which have destroyed about 60 houses and made 240 people homeless.

The fires, which broke out in dry weather and were fanned by high winds on Wednesday, were yesterday still burning in five areas of northern Honshu, Japan's main island.

Six people were injured and 240 made homeless, mainly in the Pacific coast city of Kuji in Iwate prefecture, and in districts near Sendai city in Miyagi prefecture.

On Wednesday night, about 1,000 people were evacuated from Kuji and a town nearby when the wind drove the flames close to their homes.

About two dozen fires broke out in mountainous northern Honshu on Wednesday. One began as a controlled burn-off operation by woodmen, but sudden high winds turned it into a blaze.

YOKOHAMA: Seaborn traffic in Yokohama port, one of the world's busiest, was halted for more than two hours yesterday after a tanker collision caused highly inflammable naphtha to leak into the water, Reuters reports.

Traffic in Yokohama port resumed after most of the leaked naphtha had vaporized, it said. The chemical tanker was carrying 1,276 kilolitres of naphtha.

Police save Valencia leader from lynch mob

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Hundreds of policemen took part in the rescue of the battered and bruised Señor Joan Lerma, the Chief Minister of the Valencia Region's home-rule government, from a lynch-minded mob that surrounded a cinema where the Socialist politician was to have delivered a campaign speech.

According to reports reaching here yesterday, Señor Lerma was insulted on Wednesday night by a crowd estimated by the police at between 6,000 and 7,000, outside the cinema in the steel town of Sagunto, near Valencia. It is here that the Government plans to close down part of the money-losing state-owned Altos Hornos del Mediterraneo mill.

The incident was the most serious so far since the campaign began for nationwide municipal elections and some regional elections to be held on Sunday week.

As the crowd moved in and attacked Señor Lerma, his bodyguards and the policemen on duty surrounded him and moved into the relative safety of the cinema.

Two shots were reported to have been fired in the scuffle but no one was hurt.

Members of the Socialist Youth Movement blamed the violence on the Communist Workers' Commissions, the Communist Party and the Conservative Popular Alliance.

Clash of ideologies

Warsaw's liberals take on hardliners

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

A party meeting, writes the Soviet satirist Vladimir Voinovich, is an arrangement whereby a large number of people gather together, some to say what they really do not think, some not to say what they really do.

And such, we can safely predict, will be the course of affairs at the long-awaited plenary session of Poland's Communist Party Central Committee, due to begin in the next few weeks.

The real battle is being fought now, in the factories and the press, with a remarkable venom. The subject of the session is ideology: that is, the continued relevance of Marxism-Leninism in the post-war Poland. Not one might think a subject that need detain anybody for very long.

It is possible, indeed customary, to reduce the protagonists in this conflict to those Marxists committed to more or less radical economic reform accompanied by much milder political adjustments (liberals), and those dogmatic Marxists whose suspicion of change overrides even their approval of the status quo (hardliners).

The reason that this conflict has more than theatrical quality is the choice of weapons, with the hardliners building up support by preying on the fears of workers who have seen their standard of living collapse in the past year.

The Government, with the support of the liberals, is trying to introduce an economic reform which decentralizes some parts of the economy, giving management more initiative and workers more say in production. But at the same time it is trying to pull the country out of crisis.

These are two separate processes, but in the imagination of many workers they have fused into one. Reform is being identified with unrewarded sacrifice.

The dogmatic Marxists have scented the discontent, voiced loudly enough at a recent meeting between 2,000 workers and General Jaruzelski, and are representing themselves as the true standard-bearers of the working class. This may be sincerely meant but it is, say the liberals, undermining popular confidence in reform in the very place it counts - the factory.

The liberals have hit back from three different directions. Colonel Stanislaw Kwiatkowski, who heads the Government's new public opinion research centre, wrote recently that the

opposition in Poland - that is, the Solidarity underground - was largely intellectual and should be dealt with accordingly. The Government should be trying to win the support of the populace and thus isolate the intellectuals, rather than hit them over the head, a policy much favoured by the hardliners, or the "ideological gendarmes", as he calls them.

US broadcasts 'slandering'

Warsaw (NYT, AFP) - The Polish Government told the US yesterday that American radio broadcasts to Poland were aggressive and slanderous. A formal protest, made public by the PAF news agency, said Polish-language broadcasts by the Voice of America and by Radio Free Europe were intended to destabilize the situation in Poland.

The Polish Foreign Ministry has also closed the American library in Warsaw for showing films and television programmes defaming the Polish Government.

The second line comes from Mr Ludwik Krasucki, an editor of the ideological journal *Nowe Drogi*. Writing in the weekly *Polityka*, he makes clear that he considers the hardliners and their "populist demagoguery" as more of a threat to the policies of General Jaruzelski than those who quietly sympathize with Solidarity.

The third, more scholarly, line of attack comes from Mr Wladyslaw Markiewicz, a noted professor of sociology, who in a recent interview indicated that the sectional loyalty of the hardliners, above all to the party bureaucrats most threatened by reform, had blinded them to the reality that Socialism can be creatively reformed.

It remains to be seen whether this unusually sharp in-fighting will lead to adjustments.

Most liberals argue that General Jaruzelski is firmly in the saddle and can ride out a bout of criticism, although they admit that the hardliners will never be stamped out.

The hardliners argue, in the jargon of child psychology, that they are misunderstood: they are not pushing to take over power, or sabotage policies. They simply believe that more rather than less Socialism is what will solve Poland's internal problems.

Swedes launch protest over Baltic crackdown

From Christopher Mosley, Stockholm

Sweden yesterday launched a fresh protest against the Soviet Union, this time over a crackdown by the authorities in the Baltic republics of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

In a toughly-worded statement sent to all foreign journalists in Stockholm, the Foreign Minister, Mr Lennart Bodstrom, referred to a recent wave of arrests in the Baltic states and said Sweden was prepared to raise the matter before the United Nations Commission for Human Rights. Coming immediately after the recall of the Swedish Ambassador from Moscow and the public denouncement of Soviet submarine incursions into Swedish waters, the statement has done nothing to improve deteriorating Swedish-Soviet relations.

Sweden also announced yesterday that it would not be attending the May Day parade in Moscow's Red Square. There was jubilation among MPs over the cancellation of a visit to Moscow by Danish Social Democrats in protest at Soviet submarine violations.

These developments seem to be part of a drive by Mr Olof Palme's Social Democratic Government to counter allegations in Western diplomatic circles that Sweden is "soft" on communist abuse of power and that the country's traditional policy of armed neutrality leans too far east.

Mr Bodstrom said several reports have been received recently which point to a general intensification of controls in the Baltic states. Leading article, page 13

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Snooker changed when it was plucked from the clubs and reset on the living-room television. Now it faces new pressures. As the world championship reaches a climax, fortunes are at stake

Lords of the baize battlefield

By Neil Lyndon

The manager can play the game. "Not like these guys. I mean, I'm not very good. Except when I play for money. Then I'm very hard to beat. For bets, you know, in billiard halls. I love that."

"Is the betting serious?"

"Depends if you call three or four thousand serious."

"Don't you?"

"No."

The manager is very prosperous. In drizzly Sheffield, his fair face is ruddy with costly tan. His suit is richly heavy and hangs smooth to the millimetre. His silk tie, too new to make a tight knot, is a thirty-oot touch. He recently sold his business. "I got greedy, I couldn't resist." The buyers paid him millions. He owned 16 snooker halls in Romford and the eastern outskirts of London. He was in it for ten years, but "it's a very physical business, the halls." Now Barry Hearn is managing the affairs of Steve Davis, Tony Meo and Terry Griffiths because "it's fun", he says, because "we have a fabulous time" and because "they're going to gross a million quid this year. That's fabulous, isn't it?"

As the comet snooker accelerates into a measureless stratosphere of riches, many of its desperate hangers-on are unhappy about the speeding changes they witness, and they pine for the vanished innocence in which they were more comfortable. Middle-aged men in shabby suits could often be overheard in Sheffield last week, backstage at the Crucible, cooing with each other and saying, "All the pleasure's gone, hasn't it? It's all so serious now. There's too much money involved." It is a familiar lament, which also rises from the sad amateurs who can no longer control, with unquestioned authority, the purse-strings of golf, tennis, cricket and athletics.

Barry Hearn is sitting very comfortably on the comet, as much a pilot as a passenger, personifying snooker's new order. Managing Steve Davis's earnings, he has recently bought land in Scotland and buildings in Bond Street. "You're talking about major investments there. I think it's pathetic when a top sportsman says it's the height of his ambition to own a pub." Moch of the income of Hearn's players derives from special appearances and commercial endorsements: clothing and "male perfumes" are about to appear, bearing their names. "We don't do the clubs

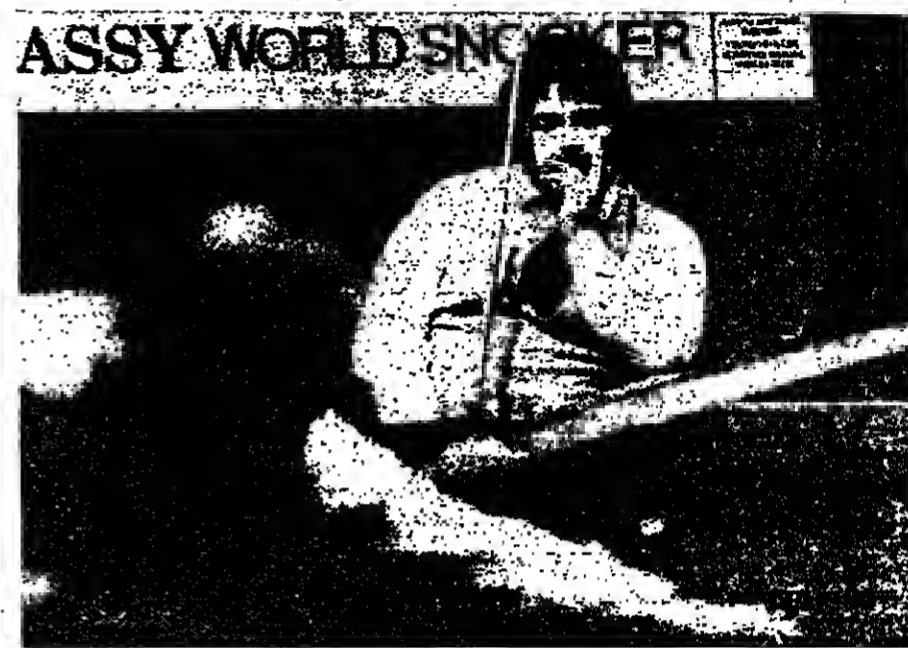
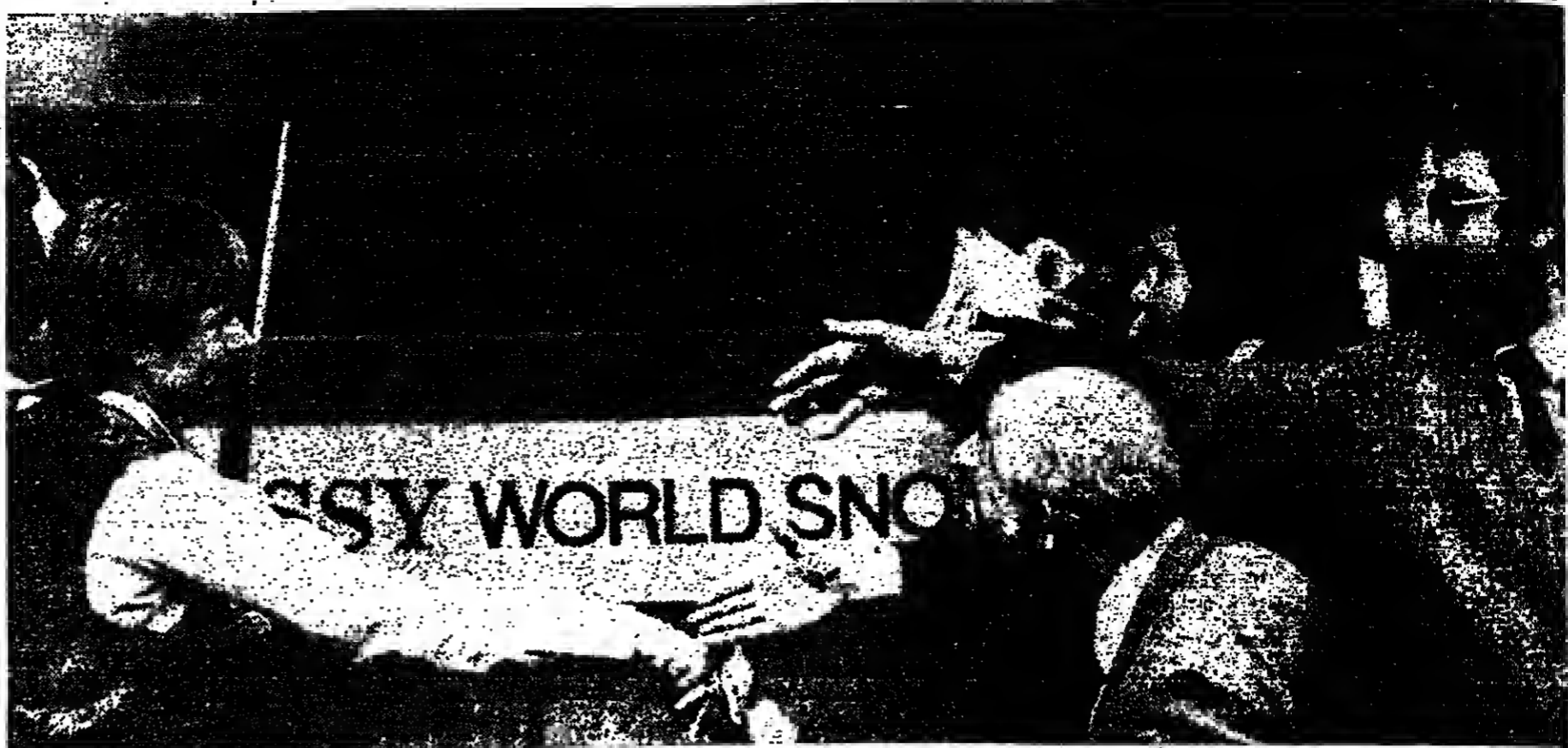
much any more. They can't afford us. The game's had about as much exposure in this country as it can take. We're interested in developments overseas now. We went to Bangkok with Steve Davis and they went mad there. Mad. There was 40 foot high posters of Davis all over Bangkok. It was like being in Romford High Street."

The manager is enjoying himself no end. "Always have. I love it. I know it sounds like *All Our Yesterdays*, but it was only a few years ago that we were going up and down the motorway for 25 quid for Steve Davis to play in clubs. I had to bet. It was the only way we could cover our expenses. Now he's going to be a millionaire many times over." Hearn thinks that the growth of snooker in this country will continue. "Women," he says. "Womeo. They're

The sponsor is contented; the old hand is less happy

only just coming into it. There's another 50 per cent of the market to go."

The sponsor is contented, too. Doo Whiting, sponsored events executive of Imperial Tobacco, is confident that a more than adequate return is accruing to Embassy cigarettes for its outlay on the snooker world championship. This year, Embassy are putting up £135,000 in prize money and a further unspecified amount for the organisation of the tournament (some part of which will be accounted for by a press room lavishly supplied with free food and drink and telephones, dished out by handsome women all dressed in cigarette packet colours). Whiting hectorically denies that Embassy's cause is helped by the players' furious smoking. "Red herring," he says. "We also sponsor events like rugby league and opera where the participants can't be seen smoking." Red herring.



The faces of fate: above, Alex Higgins, the people's champion, acknowledges their adoration; below left, Barry Hearn (left) with his defeated protégé Tony Meo (centre); below right, Bill Werbeniuk resigns himself to the force of the hurricane

The sponsor is delighted that the growing wealth of the game is attracting many new players, "expanding the pool of professionals". The old hand is less happy. Ray Reardon says: "People are coming into the game solely for the money today. They win a game at Pootie's and they want to turn professional. Where's the love of the game?"

Reardon, now 50, has been a professional for 30 years. "There was no money in it then. It was all in the clubs. But you had your social life and you looked after your opponent. I loved it. I still do. I'll still do the clubs. I'm negotiable."

The old hand says that one aspect of snooker has not changed. "Snooker players are a breed apart. They're not completely themselves when they're not playing. See, when I get it right and I'm in charge of myself, then I'm unbeatable and I'm complete. Sometimes I go out there and I don't know what I'm doing or who I am. But I'm a Jekyll and Hyde and I can't control it; never have been able to. I wish I could be like Steve Davis. I'd be unstoppable, incomparable, if I was like him."

Two of the men apart are at the table, a fat man and a thin man. Bill Werbeniuk flops on to the table to make a shot and struggles to rise like a hull seal stranded on a rock. Alex Higgins is a thin spring wired to highest tension. He starts and quivers at any noise in the auditorium. Knots and ganglia of nerves tremble in his face as he sits between breaks, far gone in wild dialogue between the sides of himself.

Both the fat man and the thin man are very angry with the press. After one of their quarter-final sessions, Higgins hurtles through the backstage area aiming an obscenity at a reporter and

withdrawing to his dressing room. Werbeniuk has a stand-up row in the corridor with reporters from popular papers to whom he will not speak, he says, unless they give him a letter undertaking to print what he says, rather than what they invent. He will talk to *The Times*.

Werbeniuk says that "this game of snooker that I'm participating in and which I love" is being "called down" by the popular papers and his pleasure is being spoiled. If he can't continue to enjoy the game, he says, he will leave it. "I've already turned down two opportunities to get extremely rich through business outside snooker and I can get others." The game, he says, is suffering from its growth and from greed. "Some of the players haven't realised that there's very little difference, after tax, between earning £200,000 and £400,000 and they're rushing up and down the country like yo-yos doing exhibitions and appearances when they should be practising." As he is speaking, the door opens and one of the spurned reporters reappears to plead: "Forget about the mood merchants, Bill. Talk to the regular lads. You'll be sorry if you don't." Werbeniuk looks fierce. "I don't want to talk about it."

A white Rolls Royce chattered by a boy in liveried grey awaits Werbeniuk at the stage-door. He stands by Blithe Spirit to pose for photographs, an Arbuckle grandee in his splendour, with children grinning into the camera behind and a mad old man in a blue woolly hat making cueing gestures beside him.

In the press room, the unblinkingly confident Steve Davis is giving literature lessons: "If you can keep your head while all about you is crumbling - that's a classic from a book." The gentlemen of letters look

uneasy. "I think that's a misinterpretation, Steve," says one. "Well, let's hope I can go on misinterpreting through the next two rounds."

Absent from all public discussion is the snooker-hall scruff, the player himself. Davis and Werbeniuk may become nabobs of property and finance but Higgins will remain the urchin forever unreformed. By no means can he be anything but himself, neither more or less than a snooker-player. His attempts to dandy himself in spats and silks to match the rich sartorial exactness of young contenders

of his own mind and in playing snooker he is completely playing himself. He is the most cerebral of all players, indifferent to the remorseless tortures of drink and nicotine which which he batters his body.

Who was the television producer or director who saw, more than a decade ago, that snooker was perfectly designed for the aesthetics and the economics of the medium? Three studio cameras cut round the table with a limitless variety of shots; there are only two characters and a referee to pay, and a tight, intimate drama of competition is the focus. Pretty, too, with all those colours. He deserves a royalty from snooker. From *Pot Black* has grown a sporting industry which is the envy even of the mighty money-makers of tennis and golf and which perfectly embodies the presiding principle which applies equally to motor-racing and boxing and tennis: the television audience is all; the suckers who go to sit and watch are merely fodder for the cameras. Dummies and taped crowd noises would do as well.

Snooker is not a sport for a large crowd of spectators and never was it only works for a gathering of intimates, grouped closely around the table, squinting at the angles over the players' shoulders and making side bets on every play. The intimates gathered around the tables of the World Professional Snooker Championship are the millions of members of the television audience, for theirs is the magnified and close up view that every punter covets. The seated audience is an attendant cast of extras, waiting upon the rising and falling of princes who cue for matchless prizes. A sennet, loud noises off, enter two lords, left and right; they play for the championship of the world.

Higgins will remain the urchin, forever unreformed

like Tony Meo and Tony Knowles will always be thwarted by a body like a bag of sticks and an intensity of mental activity which mocks studied vanities of dress.

Like Bobby Fischer, Higgins is so engrossed in the mental exertions of his play that he can stand no interruption to the urgent chatter of his thoughts, so referees and reporters and ooisy spectators are all intolerable intrusions to him. The table becomes more than a puzzle of points as he glares and frets upon it: the pattern of coloured balls turns into an analogue

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Where Ruskin complained of the view of Browning

Moreover... Miles Kingdon

Before I leave the subject of Venice, I must warn intending visitors that there are two kinds of Britain to be found all over that great but sinking city: package tourists and people writing books about the place. I would guess that the latter is the bigger group. Even in one week I met authors doing research for the following titles:

- The Washing Lines of Venice.
- The Case of Venice.
- The Vanished Islands of Venice.
- Places Where Ruskin Stayed.
- Places Where Byron Didn't Stay.

Until these are written, most tourists make do with copies of either James Morris's *Venice or J. G. Links's Venice for Pleasure*, both excellent. You can tell they are excellent from the quotes on the covers. Morris's book is "the best modern book about a city I have read" (Geoffrey Grigson). Links's is "one of the most delightful and original guides ever written about the city - any city, for that matter", according to no less a man than James Morris. Not to be outdone, Bernard Levin calls it "not only the best guide-book to that city ever written, but the best guide-book to any city ever written."

Perhaps feeling left out of things, Links himself on p. 95 of his book calls James Morris "by far the city's best twentieth-century chronicler". Levin does not seem to have written a book about Venice for Links to praise, but undaunted he recommends on p. 151 the "Vecia Cavana, favourite Venetian restaurant of that well-known gourmet, Mr Bernard Levin". As I said, Britons in Venice are either package tourists or authors, and it is hard to say which is the tighter-knit group.

This may explain why books on Venice tend to treat buildings as important only if they have been visited by English writers. Ruskin stayed here, but did not like the view, is one famous comment. Byron first stayed here in Venice, is another, and seduced his landlord's wife. Browning did a lot of staying, did here as well. Wagner moved from the gloomy Danielli hotel to the Palazzo Giustiniani, where he cheered himself up by writing *Tristan*. As we have been told so often, Venice is a very homogeneous city, which is another way of saying that all the streets

are more or less the same, so I hit on an ingenious idea for not writing a book about Venice myself. All the traveller needs is one sheet of paper to hold and read as walks round, to describe everywhere. Here it is.

On your right, notice a large palazzo. Palazzo is the Italian word for an otherwise undistinguished house in which a famous English writer has stayed. Here Ruskin stayed for a while, though he left after complaining of the view of Browning opposite.

Round the corner we will find a charming bridge, on which James Morris once stopped a passer-by to ask him for the name of a good restaurant. The good-natured stranger, who was none other than Bernard Levin, tipped the Vecia Cavana, and even gave him several cards for the place, recommending the spaghetti con cozze.

The canal which passes under the bridge was the scene of a strange naval disaster in the 1870s when Mr Wagner's grand piano, being transported from the Danielli Hotel, broke loose

and sank. It blocked shipping for eight months; after it had been raised Browning moved into it for a short while.

Pass on to No 3984, which was a convent until the early nineteenth century, but which was closed down after Byron had visited it and seduced most of the occupants. It is now a small museum dedicated to the memory of the Ruskins' dog, though it is not listed in any guide book, perhaps because it has not been found open since 1927.

The next church is known to the locals as La Chiesa di San Roberto, after Browning who lived there briefly but had to leave after Ruskin (but not Wagner) complained about the noisy late parties. There is a pleasing portrait of Santa Camilla, with which Lord Byron is said to have fallen in love for a while, and a leaflet in English which was described by Bernard Levin, or perhaps J. G. Links, as the best guide to any church in Venice, or indeed the world.

Passing the next canal, along which Lord Byron swam in his heroic swim across Venice, we come to the palazzo in which Wagner wrote his tragic opera *Ruskin*.

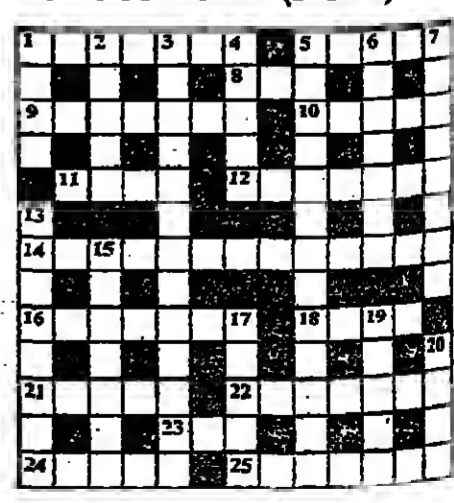
Conclude with a refreshing cup of coffee at the Bar di Giacomo Maurizio, named after James Morris but now renamed the Giannina Maurizio.

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FRIDAY PAGE

Gillian Moore finds more to be collected than the auctioneer knows

"This is the doing something with my life." The handsome middle-aged woman who had enrolled on Sotheby's Collectors' Week was a newcomer to the nuances of stoneware, ceramics and Japanese ivories. After 20 years of marriage to a Scottish farmer she is a fine judge of a Friesian cow or a collier, but with a divorce behind her and a new home in Kentish commiseration, those skills no longer count. Nobody wants to employ a woman in her forties without formal qualifications. The man she lives with wants to marry her but she resists being hustled willy-nilly into a second mistake. She discovered the pleasures of collecting last December when she fell in love with a Biedermeier mirror in an antique shop and found herself saying, "I want that. Why shouldn't I have it?" From that moment, she pinned her hopes for a new start on antiques.



The romantic objects of art's desire

men, but one was a dealer and the other had vanished by Monday afternoon. The mixed bunch of hairdressers, housewives and lonely hearts being thrilled with desirable objects by Sotheby's are just the top end of a booming leisure industry. NADFAS, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, occupies the middle range. Founded in 1968, it already boasts 27,500 members and is still opening about 10 new branches a year. The mass market, for instance, culture is served by the National Trust Centres, independent local supporters' clubs for the National Trust, which began in a small way in 1948, started mushrooming in the 1970s, and now have 100,000 members between them. Both NADFAS and the National Trust Centres put on lectures and study days on art and antiques, and organize guided trips and voluntary work. So who is consuming all this culture? The short answer is women, every time. NADFAS was founded by and for women and in the early years meetings were generally held during the day. Although men are admitted and meetings now often take place in the evening, males still make up only 5 per cent of the membership. The National Trust Centres are a little more balanced, with members

accommodate single people in single rooms. The big hotels that put on cultural events have a different formula for success. Their aim is to make the art so innocuous that you can even bring your husband along if you have one. When the Imperial at Torquay gets Arthur Negus down for an antiques weekend it wads the lectures between so many champagne receptions and gastronomic dinners that even the philistines could go through them painlessly. I went on a weekend of tours round country houses offered by the Grosvenor in Chester, along with two retired couples who wanted to see a fresh bit of countryside, a quiet widow and a pair of middle-aged newly-weds who were using the occasion to let off some steam. At our communal dinner table the husband, barely out of earshot of his wife, gave his end of the table a lurid account of what she could expect if he ever caught her being unfaithful. Next day discretion returned and we concentrated on spying on the owners of the country houses, their dogs and their Sunday lunches, all of which afforded richer entertainment than their pictures and their Persian carpets. One might have expected a more committed class of person to turn up in Worthing at one of the summer portrait seminars arranged by Geoffrey Godden, chairman and author of standard works in his field. And indeed the audience on my weekend included some dealers and serious collectors. But my neighbour was an elderly widow who confided that she had come to lessen the disappointment of two supplies she had bought not being delivered on the day they had been promised. She liked china, she often bought a piece as a souvenir when she went on holiday, and she had come with a friend a few months before to another of Godden's seminars. She had been nervous of coming this time on her own in case nobody spoke to her. In the event, she managed to talk to strangers and enjoy herself. Godden is wise enough to lay on refreshments at frequent intervals to get the social wheels turning. If women were filling themselves with art just for the sake of the company, one would feel desperately sorry for them sitting through all those words and slides in order to arrive at the coffee break. They must genuinely like what they are learning, though, otherwise they would have stayed with the ladies' luncheon club and the charity jumble sales. In entertaining themselves, they are keeping a great many museum curators and junior auctioneers in pocket money, even though the successes - and the boom in all these courses - must be rated more in terms of happy exchanges than of uplifted minds.

shop varying from 60 per cent to 90 per cent female according to the locality. The official programme of the course or the arts society is rarely what interests people most. They go along because their friends are doing it, because they enjoy dressing up for candle-lit receptions, because there is a waiting list, or because they have a better excuse for taking a day off from their families. Most of them, of all, they do it because they enjoy it. Not that they would admit to such a thing, at least not at first. A passion for art was always the official reason for being there, although few could remember quite when the spark was lit. The officials of NADFAS and the National Trust Centres are equally disinclined to discuss people's motives for belonging, and naturally resist labelling themselves social services. There is always a pause and a new, reluctant tone when they allow themselves to admit that, yes, there are members for whom this is almost the only chance to see new faces. Little things can make or break a weekend away for an elderly single woman - things like whether she is obliged to share a room with somebody else. The National Trust centres make a point of arranging trips only to places where they can

Other women had come for less mercenary reasons. One was poised to direct her abundant energy to study after years of child-rearing and dutifully accompanying her husband on his business trips. She had already thrown herself into flower arranging, mastered it and had her judge's certificate. Now she needed stronger meat. Another had escaped her teenage children and the kitchen stove to hover as near as she dared to the glitter of the Loodon art world. A third was an inveterate course taker, a single woman in her late thirties who had, while away innumerable weekends and evenings on everything from bridge to wine. There were, incidentally, a couple of

Shirley Lowe meets Twiggy as she begins the Beguine on Broadway

It's like Fred and Ginger all over again... innit?

Back in 1967, when she was 17, Twiggy made a film called *Twiggy in New York* to promote a range of clothes bearing her name. "Oh cut this fringe mess!" she told the crowd who admired her Minniecha hair and nearly ethnic headband. A man on the pavement was unimpressed. "She'll last a couple of weeks," he said. Twiggy is now back in New York and on Sunday she opens on Broadway singing and dancing like Ginger to Tommy Tune's Fred in a remake and rewrite of Gershwin's *Funny Girl*, retitled *My One and Only*. The Americans adore her - a new achievement in a culture obsessed with the Dolly Parto-silhouette - and at every preview they stop the show and applaud wildly as she slips onto the stage in clinging white satin. Twiggy at 33 is prettier than ever, and a more durable product than anyone in the '60s would have predicted. In fact, although she was professionally packaged and presented to the public by her ex-boyfriend and agent Justin de Villeneuve (Michael Davies for short) Twiggy turns out to be not a showbiz product at all but a thoroughly nice girl with the guts and go and good looks to stretch a rather small talent as far as the star's dressing room.



Twiggy with top hat, tails and Tommy Tune

That is where I found her, surrounded by pale pink flower-patterned Laura Ashley cushions and dozens of pictures of her four-year-old daughter, Carly. "The most important thing in my life." Twiggy has never been much of a talker. "Oh like it 'ere," she announced at one press conference soon after she arrived. Pressed for her reasons, she turned to Justin and said, "What do you like?" What she says is often unmemorable but her way of saying it is irresistibly appealing, which is probably why interviewers so often quote her "innit" and "norris" Loodon "now" vowel sounds. She still has the accent, and when she is supposed to be speaking terribly posh on stage she tends to slip out: "Yer've gotta be joking!" Everything in her life says Twiggy has just sort of happened to her. "It's like I never planned anything. I was very content, very happy being a model. It was marvelous, really. I was making all that money and then, one day, I was having dinner with my mate, Ken Russell, when I happened to say I had seen *The Boyfriend* and somebody had suggested I ought to do a film of

it. He said: 'Oh great, I'll direct it.' So, after MGM, who owned the story, had had a heart attack about Twiggy starring in their film - "They didn't know whether I could dance and sing or not and whether I'd," she made *The Boyfriend* and that's where she got to know Tommy Tune, the dancer/balon choreographer/director/Tony award winner who put the new show together. "I came out to the States because I was doing a film called *W* - and that's how I met Michael (she married American actor Michael Whitney six years ago) and he kept on going on at me to do *Liza in Exogation* before I was too old, or I wouldn't have done that, either. The Whitneys were moving back to Britain from Los Angeles when all this happened and, although Twiggy is honoured to be on Broadway - "It's a giant step forward for me" - it has postponed the

house in the country just outside Loodon which she believes is the ideal place to bring up a child. At the moment they are living in a rented apartment in New York. Carly goes to a very good Montessori school nearby and a friend of Twiggy's from Los Angeles is looking after her. She hated almost everything about L.A. "You can't go for a walk and even the flowers aren't real. It's a bloody desert, that's what it is, and people have built a city there." Most of all she hated their values: "Everything is judged by youth and beauty and success and they'd stab their best friend in the back for a deal. Well that's awful. Honesty and integrity mean nothing and the kids in L.A. are brought up in this false world and they're all screwed up. I wouldn't let a child grow up there for anything." Having Carly, she says, has changed her way of thinking completely. "The first thing you think about when you wake up

is your child, and it's the last thing you think about when you go to sleep. Sometimes, I wake in the night and think 'What will it be like for her?' Now I know why my mother worried all the time. I mean, I love Michael very much but he's mad about riding and he keeps talking about getting Carly on to a horse. Carly... on a horse! Her eyes widen with horror. She refuses now to be photographed with Carly. "I grew up in Neasden, an ordinary London suburb and even though I was spoiled to death and had everything I wanted, Carly obviously lives a very different life. Oh, I'm so proud of her, I'd love to show her off, but I don't think it would be good for her." It can't be easy being married to such a recognizable celebrity and there have been reports from Hollywood that Michael, who is 15 years older than Twiggy, would prefer to be the main breadwinner. "I don't think he really minds me being more famous than him because, after all, I was when I met him. But there are those awful people who are all over you and annoy the hell out of you with. Well I think that's just rude and that's one of the reasons we don't go out to parties much." Another reason is that Twiggy, like most successful people, truly enjoys work more than play. She rehearsed the dance routines for eight hours daily before the show opened and is touchingly pleased with the gift of a silver mirror which belonged to Adele Astaire, who starred and danced in the original with brother Fred in 1927. "Adele Astaire," breathes Twiggy. "Why, she's practically my idol." Another thrill came her way at a preview. "I'd just taken Carly to the loo off my dressing room - she'd had all that tea and cream and drinks and that - and when I came back, there was Lucille Ball. I couldn't believe it. I just gazed at her and I must have seemed daft, I'm sure. But she loved the show." Twiggy has been a headlining success ever since she faced the cameras 18 years ago to become the world's first child model celebrity. She says she has changed ("I've grown up, got wiser, I hope. I probably don't trust people as much as I used to") but her enduring and endearing quality is that she still acts more like a fan than a top model, a film star or the lead in a Broadway extravaganza.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Persuasion at a premium

Persuading parents to have their children immunized against diphtheria, polio and tetanus has become increasingly difficult since the scare over the safety of the whooping cough vaccine. But just because there are fewer cases of these diseases now does not mean that the diseases have disappeared - the cases of diphtheria in Loodon last year illustrate the point. In America it is compulsory for all school children to be vaccinated - an approach that would be unlikely to make any headway in this country. Dr Joginder Kumar Anand, district community physician in Peterborough, has come up with a novel suggestion for persuading parents. Writing in the *British Medical Journal* last week he suggests a £5 premium bond should be offered to all children who have a complete course and a £15 bond to every girl leaving school who is vaccinated against German measles. Dr Anand admits the scheme would cost money but, he argues, there would presumably be savings in caring for ill and disabled children.

The intention of the Department of Transport's initiative would be to rehabilitate problem drinkers: they would be banned from driving for three years and they would then have to prove they had overcome their drinking problems. Dr James Dunbar, who took part in the *Tayside* survey, believes it would be relatively easy for barred drink/drivers to mislead the court into believing they had controlled their drinking using the Department of Transport's criteria. The biochemical test can reveal immediately whether a driver has stopped drinking or not.

develop kidney problems later in life. Ten years ago few anywhere in Europe would have been treated because doctors doubted that therapy would do any good. Now, however, they acknowledge its benefits and, according to the latest statistics from the European Diabetes and Transplant Association - which keeps tabs on all kidney patients - the number of European diabetics receiving a kidney transplant or dialysis has shot up twentyfold since 1976. Not so in the UK. In the five years from 1976 there was only a threefold increase in the number of diabetics offered help. In 1981 still only 5 per cent of new kidney patients were diabetics, which contrasts sharply with the record in Scandinavia where the figure is nearly 19 per cent. But for a new dialysis technique the situation in Britain might have been even worse. Nowadays 50 per cent of diabetics with renal failure are put on to continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. With this technique sufferers regularly put into their body cavity a special fluid which draws poisons out of the blood stream. The method is cheap because it can be done at home.

Accusing Africa

As the number of people with AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) escalates - over 1200 cases have been reported in the United States and although official UK figures are lacking, 22 cases have been seen in one Loodon hospital alone - the heat is on for epidemiologists to find the cause. As a consequence the traditional vehicle of medical debate - the letters pages of the learned journals - have been riddled with ideas. No fewer than five letters to the *Lancet* discussed the problem last week. Three of them pointed an accusing finger at Africa where a condition similar to AIDS - depressed immune defences which lay the sufferer open to infections and cancers - is endemic. The suggestion is that the American AIDS epidemic has suddenly developed because a pathogen, probably a virus, common to other parts of the world has got into a very vulnerable and promiscuous population - most AIDS patients so far have been homosexuals.

Mystery ingredient

The Nigerian equivalent of the hamburger, *suya*, is causing alarm to doctors in Loodon because a number of people are suffering from a peculiar form of anaemia and jaundice after eating it. *Suya* is a popular barbecued beefsteak sold in roadside stalls. Meat covered with a red powder which turns brown on cooking seems to be the culprit and the first ill effects occur a couple of days after eating it. It is not known what goes into the powder - red *suja* has been in existence for many years - but there could be a new ingredient because patients with anaemic symptoms have been discovered only in the last couple of years. The doctors who have traced the illness back to *suja* have written to the *Lancet* drawing the attention of the medical profession world wide to the puzzling diagnosis. Their concern is because sufferers have carry all brought their red *suja* in Shagamu - a crossroads town near Lagos airport. One patient has already been discovered in Loodon.

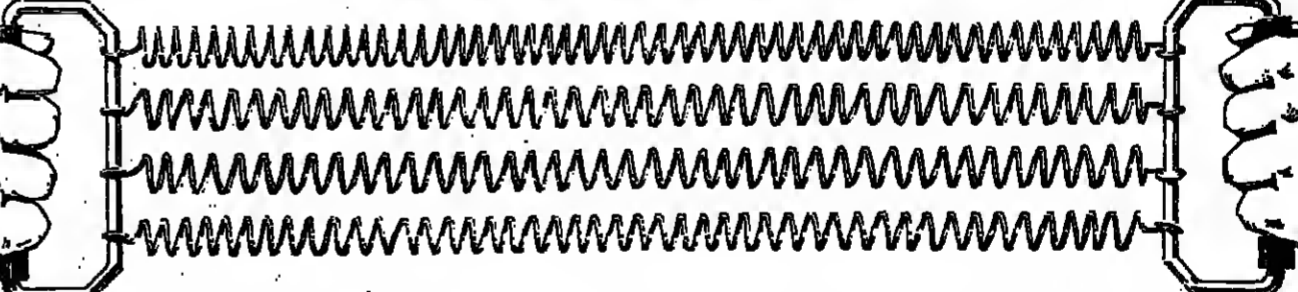
Diabetics at risk

The economic squeeze on the NHS has made the United Kingdom one of the worst places in Europe to be a diabetic with kidney disease. A third of Britain's 250,000 diabetics who need daily insulin injections to keep them alive will

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

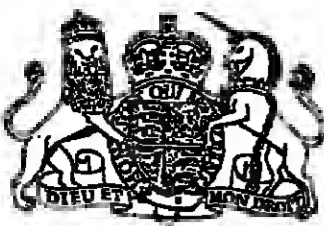
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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE The Queen was represented by the Marquess of Cholmondeley (Lord Great Chamberlain) at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ancaster (formerly Lord Great Chamberlain) which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Royal London Society for the Blind, this afternoon opened new Norton House, Sevenoaks, Kent. The Hon Mrs Munro was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will open an exhibition, The Renaissance at Sutton Place, at Sutton Place, Guildford on May 17.

The Princess of Wales will open the new building of the London Business School, Regent's Park, on May 26. Princess Anne will attend the Variety Club of Great Britain's luncheon at the Hilton International hotel on June 7.

Luncheons

Royal College of Surgeons of England Professor Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college Sir Gerald Thorneley, Mr M. N. Menzies-Wilson and Mr Lorimer Fison.

Dinners

Two Cities Dining Club The Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP, accompanied by Mrs Jenkin, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Two Cities Dining Club at St Ermin's Hotel yesterday. Mr Kenneth Dibben presided.

Service dinners

RNC Greenwich At a mess dinner held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich yesterday members of the staff of the Commander in Chief, Naval Home Command were entertained as the principal guests.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr B. W. Hallbrook and Miss D. Rowley The marriage will take place between Brian Holbrook, of Blackheath and Diana Rowley, of Greenwich.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Princess Alexandra was present at the Tenth Annual Luncheon of the Appeal Committee, Women's National Control Campaign, at Grosvenor House, London.

Memorial services

The Queen was represented by the Marquess of Cholmondeley at a memorial for the Earl of Ancaster, held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday.

Latest wills

Mr John Downes Sampson, of Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex, accountant, left estate valued at £380,706 net. He left all of his property to the Royal United Kingdom Beneficial Association.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Hodges was christened Sophie Louise by Canon Anthony Casar in the Chapel of the Royal Palace on Saturday, April 23, 1983.

Builders Merchants' Company

The following officers of the Builders Merchants' Company have been elected to serve for the year ending 31st March 1984.

Millfield School

The following have been awarded academic and music scholarships at Millfield School from September: Millfield Junior School Peter Cusack, Millfield Junior School Nicholas Mackenzie, Millfield Junior School Jonathan Manning, Millfield Junior School Maria Thornton, Millfield Junior School Targis Shapley, Millfield Junior School Timothy Vines, Millfield Junior School Christopher Gooch, Millfield Junior School Catherine Gooch, Millfield Junior School Robert Gooch, Millfield Junior School Nicholas Mackenzie, Millfield Junior School Jonathan Manning, Millfield Junior School Maria Thornton, Millfield Junior School Targis Shapley, Millfield Junior School Timothy Vines, Millfield Junior School Christopher Gooch, Millfield Junior School Catherine Gooch, Millfield Junior School Robert Gooch.

Marriage

Mr P. D. Sandeman and Miss K. F. Fuller The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, 1983 at St Mary's Church, Castle Eaton, of Mr Patrick David Sandeman, son of Mr P. D. Sandeman, of Bolney, Sussex, and of Mrs Teresa Sandeman, of Redcliffe Gardens, London, and Miss Katherine Georgina Fuller, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Fuller, of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Sydney Box, 76; Sir John Cox, 83; Miss Zizi Jenamic, 59; Sir John Lewellyn, 68; Mr Rod McKuen, 50; Mr Zubin Mehta, 57; Sir Francis Nott, 65; The Hon Jacob Rothschild, 47; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, 78; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, 54; Mr David Tindle, 51; Sir Peter Youens, 67; Mr Fred Zinacman, 76.

Gift for cathedrals

The cathedrals of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester have each received £5,000 for renovation work from an anonymous benefactor in British Columbia who visited the cathedrals many years ago during a Three Choirs Festival.

University news

The Rev Vivian Green, Sub-Rector of Lincoln College, has been elected Rector of the college in succession to Lord Trend, who retires in September after 10 years.

Bishop appointed

The Venerable Arthur Henry Atwell, Archdeacon of Westminster and Furness, has been appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man, in succession to the Right Rev Vernon Sampson Nicholls who is resigning on May 31.

MR CHARLES CLEMENTS

Huw Ceredig writes: The death has occurred at the age of 84 of Charles Henry Clements, MBE, FRCC, who retired in 1963 after 44 years' service to the Music Department of University College, Wales, Aberystwyth. He was first appointed in 1919 as Assistant to the then Gregynog Professor of Music, Sir Walford Davies, became a Lecturer in 1924 and Senior Lecturer in 1954. In the meantime he had served as Acting Head of Department from 1948 to 1950.

MR C. G. HOLLAND-MARTIN

Mr Cyril George Holland-Martin, who for some 30 years played a leading role in the technical development of British Tabulating Machine Company Ltd. (which later became International Computers Ltd.), died on April 12 at his home in Oxford, West Berkshire.

MR JOHN BURY WRITES

Many English and American visitors to Florence will remember with affection Bernardo Rucellai for the past thirty years head of the ancient family of that name, who died on April 23 at the age of 84.

MR JOHN BURY WRITES

Conscious of his responsibilities as owner of the celebrated town house designed by Leon Battista Alberti, in which his family had lived continuously since it was built in the mid 15th century, he devoted a large part of his energies and resources to its preservation.

Law Report April 29 1983 Queen's Bench Division

Court refuses to declare suicide booklet unlawful

Attorney General v Able and Others Before Mr Justice Woolf [Judgment delivered April 28] The Attorney General refused declarations in the Queen's Bench Division that the supply of a booklet entitled 'Suicide: A Guide to Deliberate Self-Destruction' was an offence under section 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961 since that would amount to declaring that future conduct was criminal when that conduct was not clearly in contravention of the criminal law and when in each case the jury would have to decide whether the necessary facts were proved.

The Attorney General claimed by an originating summons declarations against the defendants who were members of the executive committee of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, publishers of the booklet. Section 2(1) of the 1961 Act provides: 'A person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the suicide of another, or an attempt by another to commit suicide, shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years.'

The booklet could deter a would-be suicide but it would in many cases assist the recipient to commit suicide when he might not otherwise succeed in doing so. His Lordship referred to extracts from the booklet in some detail in order to give effect to the balanced nature of its contents, although its full effect could only be obtained by reading it as a whole.

His Lordship came clearly to the conclusion that there could be circumstances in which to supply the booklet could amount to an offence under section 2(1) of the 1961 Act. The fact that the supply of the booklet could be an offence did not mean that any particular supply was an offence. It was necessary to consider the particular facts and circumstances of each case.

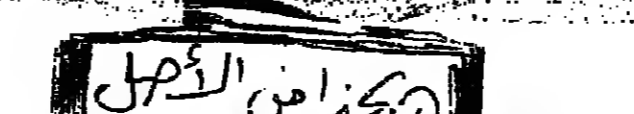
The alleged offender had the necessary intent, that is, he intended the booklet to be used by someone contemplating suicide and intended that the supply of the booklet would be such a person who was an attempt to encourage by reading the booklet to take his own life. Otherwise the alleged offender could not be guilty of more than an attempt.

Difficulties were created by granting any form of declaration to the Attorney General. However, since an appeal would be made against an offence, the respondents could not be granted a declaration that no offence was committed.

Intelligence and later in the legal division of 21 Army Group in Germany. He formed his own agency (ACTAC Ltd) commissioning new drama, and representing such authors as Christopher Fry and Harold Pinter, and presented plays in the provinces and London, sometimes under his own management.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that her Majesty's Attorney General applied for a declaration that in specified circumstances the distribution of a booklet entitled 'Suicide: A Guide to Deliberate Self-Destruction' was unlawful as being either an offence or an attempted offence under section 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961.

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THE ARTS

Cinema

Seriousness woven into comedy

Tootsie (PG) Odeon Leicester Square

A Shocking Accident (PG) Odeon Leicester Square

Ascendancy (15) Academy

Barbarosa (PG) Screen on the Green

Ill Fares the Land ICA

"I was a better man with you as a woman than I ever was with a woman as a man"...

eyed as financial pressure transforms Hoffman's Michael Dorsey into "Dorothy Michaels"...

But the film's power principally derives from the extraordinary "Dorothy Michaels"...



Rapt commitment in a hair-shirt role Julie Covington in Ascendancy

through a Naples balcony. Schoolmates consequently taunt the soot with grunts; an aunt casually spreads the story during afternoon tea...

A clear, shaping intelligence similarly governs Edward Bennett's Ascendancy, made for the British Film Institute Production Board...

in sanctuary during a violent night. Yet the striking moments and fascinating background of social decay fail to coalesce into compulsive viewing.

The problem chiefly stems from the depiction of the heroine, Wintour's bawled daughter, whose right arm hangs in psychosomatic paralysis since her beloved brother died in the Great War.

The comparative failure of Barbarosa is equally regrettable, for this is an example of that endangered species, the Western; yet the pleasure of seeing horses charging across Texas must be balanced against the pain of experiencing cinematic muddle.

Sometimes the film concentrates on a tale of romping robbers and multi-racial family feuds; sometimes it simply soaks up the landscapes, photographed in Panaviaison by Ian Baker...

The ICA is going Scottish during May, presenting, amongst other items, the Bill Douglas trilogy and Bill Forsyth's That Daring Feeling.

Geoff Brown

Television

Age of consent

The Mutiny at Invergordon (BBC last night) is a story that can always stand a re-telling: the shock-horror story of sailors refusing to do what they were told...

The programme included recollections from ratings and officers. One of the latter recalled how a beer mug had been thrown at him...

The Admiralty reacted slowly; the Government thought it a Red plot - it being the fashion to attribute to Reds a cunning almost beyond human capacity.

After meetings ashore, the mutiny occurred on September 15, 1931. The anchorage at Invergordon echoed all day to the cheers of men on the fo'c'sles of their ships...

The Admiralty reacted slowly; the Government thought it a Red plot - it being the fashion to attribute to Reds a cunning almost beyond human capacity.

The lesson drawn, the programme concluded, was that a twentieth-century navy could only be run with the consent of the men below decks.

Dennis Hackett

Jazz

Follow that...

Miles Davis Odeon, Hammersmith

I was wrong when I swore not to see Miles Davis again. That was back in the mid-Seventies when he was thrashing around on a jazz/rock sea like a man on a raft...

keyboard chords with the right, like some one-man big band. The other is that he has broken a 30-year oath to ignore his public and now waves back...

His crew moved smoothly to his commands. The saxophonist Bill Evans is lightweight and nimble, Tom Barney and Al Foster took me back to Hammersmith on Wednesday...

Duty took me back to Hammersmith on Wednesday and there he was, still aloft on the jazz/rock/whatever gulf stream, but now like a man winning the America's Cup...

This new confidence has led to two amazing revolutions. One is that instead of ignoring the rest of the group he often supports other soloists by simultaneously playing trumpet with the left hand and stabbing...

Miles Kington

Concerts

BBCSO/Sanderling Alfred Brendel Festival Hall/Radio 3 Queen Elizabeth Hall

Almost as a curtain-raiser to The Gambler at the Coliseum, the Royal Philharmonic Society on Wednesday presented another Prokofiev work from that same turbulent period around the First World War...

Since October last year Alfred Brendel has been on a pilgrimage. Geographically it has taken him through Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland and England; musically it has led him through the labyrinthine emotional complexities of Beethoven's piano sonatas...

The story of the first movement is one of progressive confusion and worry. Prokofiev begins with a lyrical theme, the most innocuous music in the whole work and proceeds to nag at it until it shows its dangerous potentialities in the sort of nasty thick harmony that is characteristic of the work.

After this the finale could hardly be dashed off. The opportunities for carefree jollity, in the repetitive patterns, were taken rather to show how appalling a banal idea can become when it is mindlessly played over and over again...

Paul Griffiths

As in the previous concerts of the series, Wednesday's was marked by careful, imaginative and stimulating programming. The four sonatas were representative not only of the phases of Beethoven's creative life but also of Brendel's rare pianistic refinement.

Stylistically, then, there was a logical progression, which in Brendel's sharply defined playing was charted to graphic and revealing effect. In each sonata he played not only with individuality but also with a sense of rightness which left one all but speechless...

Brendel sees it as a "moral duty to make music in as visionary, moving, mysterious, thoughtful, amusing, graceful a manner as we are able to". In this cycle his duty was fulfilled with consummate artistry.

Geoffrey Norris

Theatre Banality banished

Betrayal Greenwich

Greenwich may seem to be treading on Peter Hall's toes with this premature revival of Harold Pinter's play, but Gary Raymond's production is a very different affair from the original National Theatre version.



Telegraphing the unspoken: Gary Raymond, Suzan Farmer

of all, the performances of Mr Raymond and his two partners, Suzan Farmer and Edward Hardwicke.

Werther Theatre Royal, Glasgow

The sorrows of young Werther are being played out this week in Glasgow in Scottish Opera's new co-production with Netherlands Opera...

THE ROARING GIRL An enjoyable revival and a thoroughly fascinating heroine...

along, the staging strives to telegraph the unspoken. Witness Miss Farmer's eyes, invisible to her husband, as he prowls round the bedroom speculating on why Jerry should have written to her in Venice.

Opera Massenet obviously realized, and as Rhoda Levine directing acknowledges, it is Charlotte who initially gripped Goethe's imagination...

The dignity and conviction of her Act I declaration that "Albert m'aime - et je suis sa femme" is the touchstone for her tour de force in the central third act.

by the sense of what is at stake emotionally. After the Venice scene, Mr Hardwicke tells the lover that the high spot of the trip was a morning he spent alone; an innocent remark brimming with revenge and pain once you consider it.

For Dennis O'Neill emphasizing the emotional isolation of a Werther who is also more than half in love with essential death. His placidity verges on paralysis; recalling Goethe's own words about embitterment through want of action...

Next to Miss Buchan the star of the evening should perhaps be Roderick Brydon, totally at one with Massenet's music, substantiating all that is going on on stage and drawing dramatic playing, lithe and supple with inner detail from the Scottish Opera Orchestra.

Hilary Finch

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ICI profits take the City by storm

ICI took the market by storm with its £128m profit figure against the most bullish estimates of around £110m for the first quarter of 1983.

As the market worked out during the day, last week's caution which tinged the chairman's optimism was justified. Of the improved profit £20m comes from currency profits relating to 1982 contracts, and which may prove to be one-off. Knocking that out would bring pre-tax figures down to £108m for the first quarter - almost bang in the middle of the market's adjusted forecast range.

The initial reaction was to push ICI's share index back through the 700-mark, and the shares still finished the day at a near-record closing price of 476p.

A gain of 2p on the day where there has been such a strong hull position over the last couple of accounts is still respectable, but there does not seem to be a great deal to go for - particularly if the market as a whole is near its top.

Much will depend on how enthusiastically the US interest in the shares is maintained.

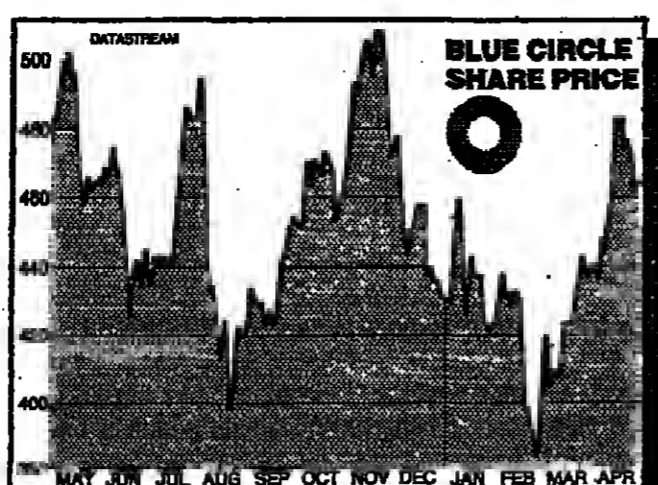
Blue Circle

Blue Circle Year to 31-12-82 Pretax profit £90m (£104.1m) Stated earnings £2.5p (48.1p) Turnover £765.2m (£750.2m) Net final dividend 12.25p making 18.25p (17.5p) Share price 463 up 2p. Yield 5.6%

A surge in UK profits has saved Blue Circle from the more painful effects of the dramas that have been effecting its leading businesses in Latin America.

Group pretax profits last year dropped from £104.1m to £90m. That is not bad performance in the light of the £37m downturn that occurred in Mexican and Chilean trading profits under pressure from economic collapse and plunging currencies.

Enormous price increases in Mexico and significant progress



In the negotiations to refinance \$270m of Mexican borrowings that have assumed monumental proportions in local currency terms as the peso has collapsed, are unlikely to halt the decline in Latin American returns this year. With volumes still falling, a recovery in Latin American profits, for so long Blue Circle's growth provider, is going to have to wait 1984.

Further good progress in 1983. It has been well over a year since the last price rise.

With the industry's common price agreement once more under pressure, both commercially and from the office of Fair Trading it is going to prove difficult to push another through this year.

Volume is projected to rise between 3 and 5 per cent and the company will continue to derive benefit from its cost cutting and energy efficiency programme.

John Laing

John Laing Year to 31-12-82 Pretax profit £1.3m (£8.1m) Stated loss per share 4.5p (14.7p) Turnover £773m (718m) Final dividend 1.875p making 2.875p (same) Share price 110p up 15p Yield 3.7%

John Laing, Britain's second largest construction group, caught a cold in its three main

overseas markets last year. Problems ranged from the cancellation of a £40m dam building contract and unreliable management in Venezuela, to a write down of £4.8m on two large contracts in the Middle East.

The result was that exceptional losses of £13.3m and extraordinary losses of £5.8m were included in the 1982 results. Without the problems overseas, the company said, pretax profits of £1.3m against £6.1m last year would have been much higher.

In 1983 the group hopes that profits will be in the region of £23m if all goes well.

George Wimpey, the house-building group, managed a 23m increase in pretax profits to £45.7m in 1982 compared with the previous year on a turnover which increased from £1.1bn to £1.24bn. A final dividend of 2.15p is recommended, making 3p for the year against 2.8p last time.

£24m Dowable bid for Cope lapses

The bid for Cope Allman, the leisure and packaging group, by the Dowable consortium, lapsed yesterday. Robert Fleming & Company, the merchant bankers to Dowable, said that after receiving acceptances representing only 22.7 per cent of Cope Allman's share capital, Dowable was unable to declare the offer unconditional. Therefore, the offer has lapsed.

Dottridge buy-out

Dottridge Brothers of North London, one of the oldest names in the funeral trade which has been a family-run private company since 1835, is being bought out by its senior management. Dottridge, which has about 30 trading branches in the South East and employs about 200 people, is among the top 20 funeral companies in Britain. There are about 600,000 funerals a year Britain and costs for a funeral vary from £300 to £400.

The management team which is buying Dottridge for £1.5m is Group Captain Anthony Dottridge, the 66-year-old chairman who was a Second World War fighter pilot, Mr Victor Taylor, the 40-year-old managing director and Mr Simon Strudwick, finance director.

The three are taking three quarters of the equity with the rest covered by a term loan from County Bank which is continuing as the company's financial adviser. Dottridge has an annual turnover of £3.4m.

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WATMOUGHS (HOLDINGS) PLC. Graving and litho printers. Carton manufacturers. Another year of progress 1 for 5 scrip issue. 1982 1981 Increase Group turnover £21 million £17.2 million 22% Group profit £1.8 million £1.5 million 19% Dividend per share 6.25p 5.45p 15%

Outlook New opportunities available to gravure capacities because of technical innovations. Additional major contracts obtained for 1983. Better prospects for packaging interests.

Report and accounts available from the Secretary, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 8NL.

Norwich Union

The Chairman Mr MG Falcon CBE, DL reports:

LIFE SOCIETY
A modest increase in new business against a background of unsettled market conditions. Bonuses to policyholders increased in October and again at the year end.

FIRE SOCIETY
Turnover maintained at 1981 levels, but severe competition caused pre-tax profits to fall to £26m.

Life Society 1982 1981
TOTAL PREMIUMS £470.7m £394.8m
New Annual Premiums 76.7 75.8
New Single Premiums 118.8 74.8
Cost of Bonuses
Annual 112.6 65.7
Terminal 18.5 13.3
Special 61.3
ANALYSIS OF PREMIUMS
United Kingdom 367.6 308.4
Republic of Ireland 13.4 11.1
Overseas 89.7 74.3
Group Assets £5,622.8m £4,355.6m
Fire Society PREMIUMS £251.3m £250.2m
Investment income 51.8 44.7
Underwriting loss (20.8) (4.8)
Associated Companies' earnings (1.2) 2.9
Expenses not charged to other accounts (3.6) (3.6)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION 26.2 39.2
Taxation and Minority interests 10.5 17.8
NET PROFIT 15.7 21.6
Dividends 10.0 10.0
ANALYSIS
United Kingdom 1982 1981 1982 1981
Premiums Underwriting Result
£250.0m £259.7m £18.9m £2.7m
Republic of Ireland 18.3 17.3 (4.3) (7.8)
Overseas 31.5 28.3 (4.1) (2.4)
Marine & Aviation 20.0 17.3 (3.2) (0.8)
Less Reinsurance with Associates (74.5) (72.4) 2.7 3.5
Totals 251.3 250.2 (20.8) (4.8)
Investment Income attributable to Insurance Operations 34.3 28.8
Insurance Result 13.5 25.0
Norwich Warrantor Group (Fire Society owns 49%)
Unaudited Results
Premiums 1982 1981
£201.5m £172.1m
Profit before Taxation (2.8) 6.4

NW Group
Norwich Warrantor, in which the Fire Society has a 45 per cent interest, produced an estimated pre-tax loss of £2.6 million compared with £8.4 million profit in 1981. This loss was primarily caused by extremely poor reinsurance results. Premiums grew to £201m.

Banking
Norwich General Trust, which specialises in loans to industry and commerce, continued to receive considerable demand for its services. During the year 230 new advances were made for £19m, taking total advances to over £75m. AP Bank also had a good year in 1982. There was a large increase in loans, mainly as short to medium term advances to U.K. companies, and turnover in the Foreign Exchange department showed a marked increase.

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE. The Annual General Meeting of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society will be held on the 10th May 1983 in Norwich.

COMPANY NEW IN BRIEF

Table of company briefs including Farnell Electronics, Pochin's, Davies & Newman Holdings, Aero Needles Group, Platinum, Whetman Reeve Angel, Elber Industrial, Hawkins & Tipton, Border Breweries (Whetman), Coleman Mine, Francis Industries, Office & Electronic Machines, Audio Fidelity, Silentnight Holdings, Yule Catto, George Wimpey, S. Simpson.

Base Lending Rates. AEN Bank 10%, Barclays 10%, BCCI 10%, Consolidated Crds 10%, C. Hoare & Co 10%, Lloyds Bank 10%, Midland Bank 10%, Nat Westminster 10%, TSB 10%, Williams & Glyn's 10%.

WEIR. Results for 52 weeks ended 31st December 1982. Turnover £'000 £'000 Profit before interest and tax 136,901 152,220 Interest 18,136 13,071 Profit before tax (2456) (4,773) Shareholders' funds 7,880 8,298 Total borrowings 43,481 42,361 Earnings per share, fully diluted Historic cost 7.0p 10.7p Current cost 3.4p 6.7p Proposed total dividends: on Convertible Preference Shares 2.5p 1.5616p on Ordinary Shares 2.5p 1.85p

WEIR THE WEIR GROUP PLC. A further reduction in Group borrowings, made possible by maintaining profitability and controlling cash flow despite difficult market conditions, has placed the Group in a much improved financial position with a return to normal banking arrangements. The signs of recovery in the USA and elsewhere, even if maintained, will take some months to work through into capital plant orders which would benefit the Group. The recent fall in oil prices will reduce expenditure by oil producers, and this, with depressed markets, means that 1983 will be a difficult year. However, the Group is now strong enough to weather a continuing storm if that should be necessary. Improvements in profitability will mainly depend on an upturn in the UK and world economies. Weir Group - pumps, power plant auxiliaries, steel castings, metal pattern equipment, water desalination plant, engineering contracting. Group companies employ 5,000. Subsidiary and associate companies in Canada, Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Middle East, Far East and Nigeria. Copies of the Reports and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, The Weir Group PLC, Cathcart, Glasgow, G44 4EX.

FOOTBALL: MANAGERS HAVE THEIR SAY AFTER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TIES

Injury to Withe disrupts Robson's plans

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson yesterday lost the England centre forward he found on Wednesday night. Withe broke his thumb during the first half of the European Championship tie against Hungary at Wembley and suffered a depressed fracture of his cheekbone during the second and is out for the rest of the league season.

Robson admitted that he had added Withe to the party merely as "a stop gap" after Woodcock had joined his club. The injury to Withe is a real disappointment for Robson, as he had counted on him to provide the goals which were needed to reach the semi-finals.

Eggs and euphoria for the Welshmen

By Peter Ball

The right result covers a lot of cracks, and it was understandable that Mike England was in tears as he was congratulated over breakfast in his hotel yesterday morning. The goal by the substitute Jeremy Charles which overcame Bulgaria's determined resistance had been a long time coming, but its significance cannot be overstated.

Irish like big time

By David Powell

Northern Ireland are planning to fire their next European Championship shot not in the group six match with Austria in September but in the final at Wembley in June. Although the Irish must wait another five months before meeting the group leaders their manager, Billy Bingham, believes that progress can be made next month along the path to next summer's finals in France.

Gunfire stops play on court

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Richard Lewis beat Robin Drysdale 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 to reach the last eight of the men's singles in the British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead yesterday. The content and consequence of the match were of less interest than the scoring sheet, which will become a collector's item.

Renewing the struggle

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis, the 1981 champion, will all go back to rekindling the duel with Cliff Thorburn, leading the ranking list, and Alex Higgins, who finished second at the world championship, sponsored by Embassy.



Thorburn: snooker is the one for a game of fathers

Davis pins down the mercurial Irishman

Cliff Thorburn, who has been the victim of a cruel fate since losing to Steve Davis at the world championship, was looking forward to this confrontation. Davis, however, was still completely relaxed and Higgins was a little edgy.

How they stand at halfway stage

Table with columns for Group three, Group four, Group seven, and Group six. It lists various football teams and their match results.

CRICKET: WEATHER STILL HOLDS THE UPPER HAND

'Whale' makes bow wave at Lord's

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The weather at Lord's yesterday was perfect for the day. It was a time of year when the sun shone almost without interruption. Spectators picked their spots in the stands.

Lever has Cambridge in trouble

By Peter Ball

Essex, with eight second innings wickets in hand, lead Cambridge University by 397 runs. John Lever, the former England fast bowler, took seven wickets for 63 for Essex against Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday.

Five Blues available to Toogood

By Richard Streeton

Oxford University and Somerset provided the weather reliefs, hope to play a 50-over match in the Parks today. Permission was obtained from Lord's for the scheduled three-day fixture to be abandoned yesterday after a start could not be made for the second day in succession.

Denton pays call - and faces Lendl

By a Special Correspondent, Dallas

Breaking his journey to Houston and calling in at the World Championship Tennis finals proved a lucky decision for Steve Denton, a husky Texan. He was brought in as a substitute for the injured Brian Tabb.

Cup mercy for Kemble

By Sydney Friskin

Gary Kemble, the Hull and New Zealand full back, breathed a sigh of relief after yesterday's disciplinary committee meeting in Leeds. Keith Macklin writes. He received a one-match suspension, and so will be able to play for Hull in the Challenge Cup final against Featherstone Rovers at Embley on May 7.

Table titled 'Lever: seven wickets' showing cricket statistics for Essex.

Guide to the season's competitions

World Cup, NatWest Bank Trophy, County championship, John Player, Amarnath leads Indian recovery, Strike averted, Benson and Hedges Cup, Test series, and Tour matches. A large section providing details about various sports events and competitions.

Table titled 'Denton pays call' showing tennis match results.

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Table titled 'Test series' showing cricket statistics.

FOR THE RECORD

A collection of news items and results under various headings including BASEBALL, NATIONAL LEAGUE, BASKETBALL, CYCLING, DIVING, ICE HOCKEY, TENNIS, and TODAY'S FIXTURES.

BIRTHS
CONSTABLE MAXWELL - On April 27, at Winchester, to Virginia and...

ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER
GOLDSMITH CRAFT FAIR
DIAMONDS - Are you tired of looking at your jewelry...

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THE ROYAL BALLET
THE ROYAL OPERA

BIRTHS
FRESHMAN - On 22nd April to Hilary Rose Fisher and Charles...

MARRIAGES
METCALFE HAVILAND - On April 25th at St. Paul's Cathedral...

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GREEN SPRING BARGAINS
WINDSURFERS AND SAILORS AHOY
LOW COST FLIGHTS

RENTALS
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CHESTER TONS

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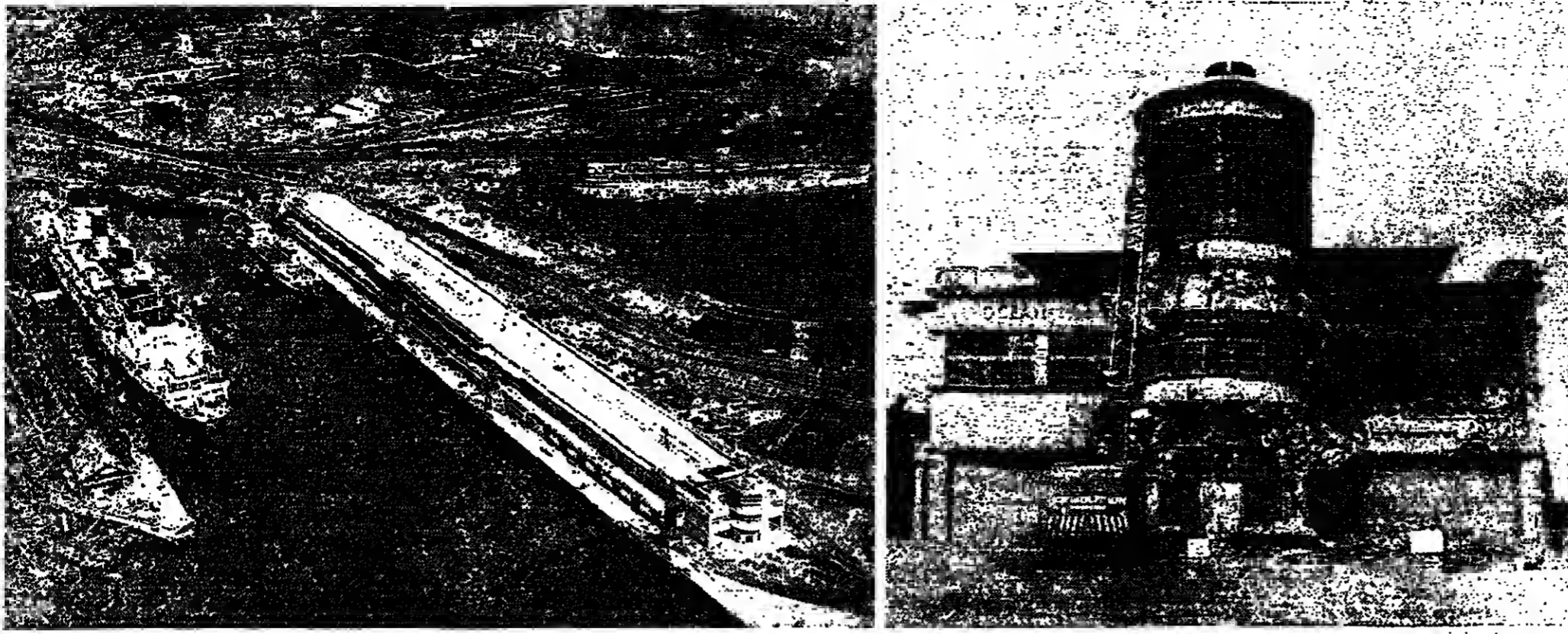
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Last day of a glorious landmark

Age has caught up with the once magnificent dockside terminal at Southampton, seen above left in its heyday with the Queen Mary in dock and right, yesterday receiving the attentions of a demolition company.

Jenkin offers £200m aid for computer industry

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

The Government is to spend up to £200m over the next five years to help the British electronics industry develop a new generation of more advanced computers.

Syrian pressure 'delaying talks'

Continued from page 1

agreement between Israel and Lebanon. The arrival of the American Secretary of State has been marked by an increase in tension between Israeli and Syrian troops in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley and a vicious anti-American campaign by the Syrian state-controlled press.

Frank Johnson in the Commons. Salvador and Surrey by Foot's Tours

Both Central America and Surrey County Council's rate increases were among the subjects which Mr Michael Foot, ever the man for the broad sweep, raised yesterday when a renewed trough of "pre-election atmosphere" enveloped the House.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements: Prince Michael of Kent visits JCB at Rochester, Ultoneter, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry.

Hospital, Chichester, 1.45: opens the new swimming centre of Arun District Council at Littlehampton.

1. closed Sun (from today until May 28). Last chance to see: Out of This World, arts of science fiction, Art Gallery and Museum, School Hill, Aberdeen.

Food prices

For those spending the holiday weekend at home, an important consideration should be how to reduce the burden on the family.

Roads

London and South-east: A13: Roadworks at Barking, Dagenham and Limehouse. A11: Congestion between Stratford and Bow.

Weather

A depression will remain slow-moving in the North Sea, and a slack area of low pressure will persist over the British Isles.

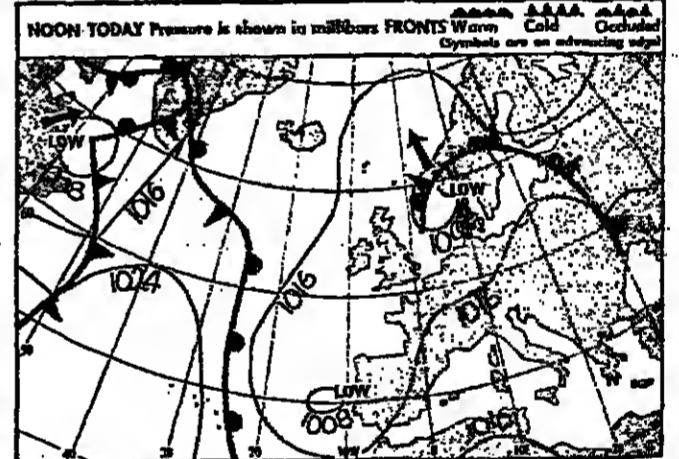


Table with 3 columns: Location, High tide, Low tide. Lists various coastal locations and their tidal times.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Sun, Moon. Lists various locations and their sun/moon times.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Sun, Moon. Lists various international locations and their sun/moon times.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,116

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is partially filled with letters.

ACROSS: 1 Fish with worm's tail for a spell (5). 2 Perhaps some fire in an inferior novel? (3-6).

National day

The Japanese today celebrate the birthday of Emperor Hirohito, who was born on April 29, 1901.

Top films

Top box-office films in London: 1 (1) Sophie's Choice, 2 (2) Gandhi, 3 (-) The Wicked Lady.

Anniversaries

Births: John Lubbock, 1st Baron Avebury, banker, politician and archaeologist, London, 1834; Sir Thomas Beecham, St. Albans, Lancashire, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellington, Washington, 1899; James Montgomery, poet and hymn writer died at Sheffield, 1854.

Top video rentals

1 Annie (RCA/Columbia), 2 The Evil Dead (Palace), 3 Arthur (Warner), 4 Annylene II - The Possession.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Copyright (Amendment) Bill, report. Coroners' Jurisdiction Bill, committee.

The pound

Table with 3 columns: Country, Bank, Rate. Lists exchange rates for various countries like Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, Yugoslavia.

Lighting-up time

London 8.50 pm to 8.56 am. Bristol 8.50 pm to 8.56 am. Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 8.58 am. Newcastle 8.57 pm to 8.51 am.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c. cloud; f. rain; s. sun.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp. London, 16.1°C (61°F); lowest day temp. St. Albans, 10.2°C (50.4°F).

London: The FT Index closed down 2.2 at 696.8.